

THE SIXTY-FIRST STUDENT SENATE

The Journal: September 2, 2009

The meeting of the 61st Student Senate was called to order at 7:31 p.m. by Student Senate President Bobby Seifter.

Senator Assidon lead the Senate in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Moment of Silent Reflection:

MEMBERS PRESENT (First Roll Call): Senators Assidon, Angulo, Bauman, Bonderud, Callahan, Chance, Cuyler, Daniels, Donoho, Dougherty, Fabre, Fistel, Gilzean, Goins, Gold, Ghaneie, Holmes, Howard, Humphries, Hutchinson, Johns, Joseph, Kushner, Malone, McKanstry, Melbourne, Moallem, Mroczkowski, Peterich, Richards, Sargent, Schlesinger, Simmons, Theodore, Triay, Williams, Waltz, Wood.

MEMBERS ABSENT: (First Roll Call): Senators Blair, Carter, E. Charlemagne, Dunnington, Gonzmart, Grossman, Hunter, Johnson, Kaiser, Lampi, Scandling, Shubitz, Vasquez, Walker, Yarbrough.

MEMBERS TARDY/LATE (First Roll Call): Senators A. Charlemagne (7:35), Laughlin (7:59), Lias (7:36), Tunis (7:36).

Corrections: None.

Student Comments: Senator Brock Howard announced that budget packets will be available on Friday, September 4, in SGA Accounting Office and they are also available on-line. Selby Lo, Graduate Assistant in the Student Activities Center announced that the headliner for Homecoming is Jim Gaffigaf and Warchant will feature Pitbull and Cam'Ron will be in the Downunder on Wednesday, September 9, 2009. Chrystal Mitchell announced that she is the liaison to Senate and she urged students to get to Market Wednesdays around 8 a.m. to stand in line and wait on tables to be assigned at 9:30 a.m. If you have a table and is not set up by 10:30 a.m., you will lose your table. She said if you want to sell something in the Union you must get a permit. Jordan Raupp told Senate that he is on the SOAR Board and he wants to get legislation before a Senate meeting and pass it out to students in the Union to see what they think of the legislation.

Special Introductions and Announcements: Amy McKenzie, Chair of the Academic Honor Policy Committee and faculty member in the College of Education, told the Senate that

the current policy is 4-5 years old and the committee has proposed some major changes. She said the committee consists of 3 students and 3 faculty members and she will take questions back to the committee. She explained some of the changes to the Senate and the Senate Program Assistant will e-mail the Senate on those changes.

Messages from the Executive Branch: Robert Jakubik, Student Body President, passed out back packs to the Senate which included the Traditions Book, off campus housing information and bus route information. Adam Fox, OLA Director, told the Senate that applications to be on the Board of Directors for OLA are available. He said his goal for the OLA website is to put the legislative agenda up. He told the Senate that he is not pushing for FSA or USSA anymore and feel free to give the money to student organizations. Fox said that Senator King passed and Senate President Seifter and Student Body President Jakubik did a resolution and he showed the Senate the plaque that will be presented to Andy Haggard at the Board of Trustees meeting. He also informed the Senate that Aramark has been on campus for about 6 years and in the next couple of months they will be working on Hardees and expanding it and they also will be passing out free food samples. Kelly-Ann Fasano, Student Body Treasurer, told the Senate that they had the first joint meeting with RTAC and PAC. She told the Senate that she was re-certified and it takes about 40 minutes. Richard Benson, Student Body Deputy Treasurer, thanked the Senate for swearing him in and allowing him to serve and being on a great committee where everything was professional and he was amazed and Senator Mroczkowski was great. He asked the Senate to please pass the Resolution 1 on the Consent Calendar. Sean Bevil, Chief of Staff, asked the Senators to please be present at next weeks meeting for all the forwards and the Supervisor of Elections appointment. He asked them to please vote for all their forwardings so they can get to work serving the student body. Bevil announced that there will be a SGA orientation on Tuesday, September 8 from 5-7 p.m. in the Senate Chamber and there will be a cabinet meeting on Wednesday, September 9, from 5-7 p.m. in the Micco Room. He said he was financially certified in 35 minutes.

Messages from Agency and Bureau Directors, and SGA Organization Officers and Employees: Lauren Herod, IRHC

Assistant Director, told the Senate that they held elections today for hall government and they have some really good programming for this semester. Pride Student Union announced that 500 people attended their Open House and the Center is open daily from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Bible Study is held on Wednesdays and it is LBGTSU friendly.

Pavielle Bookman, Black Student Union President, welcomed everyone to their fall week where they will have Game Night on tomorrow night; a kickball tournament on Saturday and church services at Jacob Chapel on Sunday. She asked the Senate to support Resolutions 61 and 62 and the Dream Act resolution, which is dear to her heart. Aldo de la Paz, HLSU Director, introduced Edward and Jesse to the Senate, saying that they will be the liaison for the HLSU. He also announced that Hispanic Heritage Month starts September 15 through October 15 and he will have more information next month. He also asked the Senate to support the Dream Act resolution. Vu Thai, AASU Director told the Senate that he support the Dream Act. Nathan Parks of the Asian Coalition of Tallahassee (ACT) announced that they are having a 540 year anniversary of this event and the Chair is Mrs. Marks, Mayor Marks' wife. He said there will be food and lots of culture on October 3, in Bloxham Park and they will shut down Copeland Street from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Messages from the Congress of Graduate Students: None.

Messages from the Senior Class Council: None.

Messages from the Judicial Branch: None.

Messages from the Union Board: Ariel Giumarelli and April Johnson of the Union Board announced the following: the committee will meet on Wednesday, September 16; the committees have been formed and they will give full updates at the next Senate meeting; Seminole Sensation Weeks took place August 19 through 23; Thursday, September 3 there will be a Get Recognized Workshop and another one on Wednesday, September 9, in order for organizations to get recognized, one organization executive member must attend; Friday, September 4 is Bagel Friday in the SAC Office room 305 A; there will be a pizza league at Crenshaw Lanes every Sunday for the remainder of the semester and the charge is \$5. They announced that the movies showing this weekend will be The Brothers Bloom on tonight and Drag me to Hell on Thursday and look out for movies such as Scream, The

Exorcist and Terminator Salvation playing next week. Cam'ron will be performing at the Moon, on Wednesday, September 9, at 6 p.m. which is free for all FSU students

Messages from Campus Recreation: Matt Wilson, Chair of the Campus Recreation Board, announced that the tennis courts will be ready for day time use in October and night time use in January.

Report of the Student Body Auditor: As of September 1, 2009, Senate Projects is \$95,400.00.

Committee Reports: There was a ten minute recess so that committees could select meeting times and members for the Sweepings Committee.

Student Affairs - The committee will meet on Mondays at 6:30 p.m. in the Senate Office. Senators Williams and Richards were elected to the Sweepings Committee.

Budget - The committee will meet on Wednesdays before Senate and Senator McKanstry was elected Vice Chair of the committee. Senators Howard and Peterich were elected to the Sweepings Committee.

Finance - The committee will meet on Mondays at 7:30 p.m. Senators Fistel and Assidon will be on the Sweepings Committee, even though the Committee did not elect them.

Judiciary - The committee will meet on Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. in the Senate Office. Senators A. Charlemagne and Hutchinson were elected to the Sweepings Committee.

Internal Affairs - The committee will meet on Tuesdays at 7:30 p.m. Senators Donoho and Chance were elected to the Sweepings Committee.

Rules and Calendar- Chairman Cuyler reported that the committee deliberated and approved absences.

Senate Confirmations: None.

Consent Calendar:

Resolution 1- Sponsored by: Senator Mroczkowski.

Subject: Approving the Resource and Travel Committee Allocations.

PASSED WITHOUT OBJECTION.

Bills First Reading:

Bill 65 - Sponsored by Senator Humphries. An addition to the Student Body Statutes adding Chapter 1000.5 C 4.

Purpose: to require all SGA agency directors to give an end of semester report to the Student Senate. **REFERRED TO JUDICIARY.**

Bill 66 - Sponsored by Senator Humphries. A revision to the Student Body Statutes Chapter 713.3. Purpose: to require a non-denominational prayer to be used at SGA Inaugurations.

REFERRED TO JUDICIARY.

Bills Second Reading: None.

Constitutional Amendments: None.

Resolutions:

Resolution 57- Sponsored by Senator Seifter.
Subject: Approving the proposed changes to the Academic Honor Code Policy put forth by the Academic Honor Code Policy Committee.

TABLED.

Resolution 60- Sponsored by Senator Kushner.
Subject: Setting the date for Fall SGA elections.

PASSED WITHOUT OBJECTION.

Resolution 61- Sponsored by Senator Daniels.
Subject: Giving the Black Student Union authorization to spend \$3,835 on their Essence of Ebony event.

PASSED WITHOUT OBJECTION.

Resolution 62- Sponsored by Senator Goins.
Subject: Giving the Black Student Union authorization to spend \$6,500 on their 5th Annual COBOL event.

PASSED AS AMENDED BY SENATOR HOWARD.

Resolution 63- Sponsored by Senator Laughlin.
Subject: Asking the 61st Senate to develop a fair appeals process for organizations that are denied funding from the

Fund Distribution Committees. **MOTION TO TABLE, WITHDRAWN BY SENATOR RICHARDS.**

FAILED BY VOICE VOTE.

Resolution 64- Sponsored by Senator Seifter.
Subject: A plan for sustainability of student life at FSU.

TABLED.

Resolution 65- Sponsored by Senator Daniels.
Subject: Asking the 61st Student Senate to endorse the DREAM Act.

PASSED WITH OBJECTIONS.

New Business: None.

Unfinished Business: None.

Closing Announcements: Senator Waltz said that there is a mix-up; he is still a Senator. Senator Moallem told the Senate that Senator Mroczkowski was in an accident and she has some torn ligament and she had to leave early. Senator Hutchinson announced that PBM is having an ice cream mixer in the FSU Ballroom at 7 p.m. tomorrow. Senator Simmons showed off his home-made recycling bin. Senator Laughlin introduced himself to the Senate. Senator Theodore told the Senate that if they need someone to perform at their events to please see him for Poetic Lyricism: he said they perform for anyone and they do not discriminate. Senator Wood said that he will be tailgating for Landis Green for the game. Senator Assidon announced that Friday is Seminole Color Day. Senator Tunis said that IFC Rush is this week and come out if you are interested. Sandra Miles told the Senate that they had great debate tonight. Quote: People are irrational, illogical and self-centered: love them anyway. Senate Pro Tempore Cuyler told the Senate during his library update that \$5,000 was given to the library and it will go towards purchasing laptop computers, text books and a tutoring service which will start on September 21.

Senate President Seifter informed the Senate that the Parliamentarian Chris Land resigned and if anyone knows someone please send them to talk to him. He said that a PAC liaison is needed. He also announced that he and Senate Pro Tempore Cuyler met with committee chairs and they are discussing what to do with the \$100,000 that is in Senate Projects.

Final Roll Call: PRESENT: Assidon, Angulo, Bauman, Bonderud, Callahan, A. Charlemagne, Chance, Cuyler, Daniels, Donoho, Fabre, Fistel, Gilzean, Goins, Gold, Ghaneie, Holmes, Howard, Humphries, Hutchinson, Johns, Kushner, Laughlin, Lias, Malone, McKanstry, Melbourne, Moallem, Peterich, Richards, Sargent, Schlesinger, Simmons, Theodore, Triay, Tunis, Waltz, Williams, Wood. ABSENT: Senators Blair, Carter, E. Charlemagne, Dunnington, Gonzmart, Grossman, Hunter, Johnson, Joseph, Kaiser, Lampi, Mroczkowski, Scandling, Shubitz, Vasquez, Walker, Yarbrough.

The meeting adjourned at 10:10 p.m.

Student Senate President

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